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## MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventors: LANTEIGNE, Rene and WOOLFORD, Doug Victor  
Title: Pipe Joining Assembly

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A Specification including:
  - 2 page Declaration
  - Pages 1-9 - Disclosure
  - Pages 10-14 Claims (1-20)
  - Abstract
  - (6) sheets of drawings (in triplicate)
  - Figures 1 to 6
- ☒ Executed Power of Attorney form
- ☒ Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08A
- ☒ Assignment from the two inventors to Ipex Inc.



<u>FEES:</u>	<u>Claims Filed</u>	<u>Extra Claims Rate</u>	<u>Basic Fee</u>
Total Claims:	20 - 20 =	0 x 9.00	\$750.00
Independent Claims:	1 - 3 =	0 x 42.00	\$ .00
Multiple Dependency Penalty (\$140.00)			\$ .00
Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00)			\$ 40.00
		<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b><u>\$790.00</u></b>

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Respectfully submitted,

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